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SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF COLOMBIAN/CUBAN RELATIONS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO ANNOUNCED EARLY THIS EVENING THAT "AS OF THIS MOMENT" FORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND CUBA HAVE BEEN REESTABLISHED.

2. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF DECLARATION FOLLOWS:  
"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA HAVE EFFECTED THROUGH THE SWISS EMBASSY IN HAVANA THE NECESSARY CONSULTATIONS ON THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THEIR RELATIONS. INSPIRED BY THE UNCHANGING SENTIMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAVE UNITED THE PEOPLES OF COLOMBIA AND CUBA SINCE THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE, INITIATED BY CUBAN PATRIOTS ON THE 10TH OF OCTOBER 1868 (WHICH HAD THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE COLOMBIAN NATION AND THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF ITS CITIZENS), THE GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES IN EXERCISE OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY AND PURSUANT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF JURIDICAL EQUALITY OF STATES, BW MUTUAL RESPECT, OF RECIPROCAL BENEFIT AND OF LATIN AMERICAN UNITY, HAVE AGREED TO REESTABLISH IN FULL AS OF THIS DATE THEIR DIPLOMATIC, CONSULAR COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNICATIONS RELATIONS AT THE EMBASSY LEVEL AND WILL

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PROCEED WITH THE EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS IN DUE COURSE.

IN CREDENCE OF WHICH THEY FORMULATE THIS DECLARATION  
IN BOGOTA AND HAVANA THE 6TH DAY OF MARCH 1975".

3. LIEVANO MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IN REPLY  
TO REPORTERS QUESTIONS: "THE EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS  
BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND CUBA REQUIRES A PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENT  
OF MUTUAL AGREEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR "AGREEMENTS"  
OF THE RESPECTIVE MISSIONS".

4. "FURTHERMORE PRIOR AGREEMENT IS NEEDED ON THE COMPOSITION  
OF THE RESPECTIVE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. COLOMBIA AND CUBA  
HAVE FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AS OF THIS MOMENT".

5. "AS I HAD OCCASION TO SAY PREVIOUSLY, THE CLEAR PURPOSE  
OF THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
STRENGTHENING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. WE ARE DIS-  
MANTLING THE COLD WAR IN LATIN AMERICAN AT A TIME WHEN  
OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY DONE SO".

6. "THE OAS IS NOT GOING TO SUFFER TRAUMAS WITH THIS  
DISMANTLING OF THE COLD WAR". ... "THE SAME IS TRUE WITH  
THE INTERAMERICAN TREATY OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE".

7. HE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT THE OAS AND THE INTER-  
AMERICAN TREATY OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ARE "ELEMENTS  
THAT WE ARE GOING TO DEFEND AND STRENGTHEN".  
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